It is vital for a democracy to have a diverse media, with many points of view expressed. Those who own the media exercise more control over public debates than do the participants, because they decide which, if any, sides are heard by the publiv at large. The deregulation of radio ownership has been an unmitigated disaster in this regard, and any further relaxation of the rules against the concentration of media ownership are certain to be the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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